

## HE WILL NOT STAND FOR ANOTHER TERM

President Issues State-  
ment Formally Reitera-  
ting His Position.

## STANDS BY TAFT FOR NOMINATION

Action of President in Reissuing  
and Emphasizing His Declina-  
tion to Accept Another  
Nomination Elicited  
By Clayton Reso-  
lution.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—  
At last President Roosevelt has  
formally reiterated his declaration made  
at the close of the election of 1904,  
that he will not accept a second  
nomination to the presidency. The fol-  
lowing statement was issued from the  
White House at 9 o'clock to-night:

"On the night after election I  
made the following announcement:  
'I am deeply indebted to the people  
for the honor they have conferred  
in what I have tried to do. I ap-  
preciate the full, solemn responsi-  
bility the confidence imposes upon  
me, and I shall do all that in my  
power lies not to forfeit it. On the  
4th of March next I shall have  
served three and a half years, and  
this three and a half years con-  
stitute my first term. The custom  
which limits the President  
to two terms regards the substance  
and not the form, and under no  
circumstances will I be a candidate  
for or accept of a second term.'  
'I have not changed, and shall  
not change the decision thus an-  
nounced.'

News Causes Excitement.  
The news that the President had  
issued the statement traveled like  
lightning. In ten minutes it had  
reached Lafayette Square to the Ar-  
my Club, where the members of the  
Democratic National Committee  
and their friends. Of course, it  
created excitement and pleasure. It  
was easy to find men on every hand  
ready to predict that the statement  
made the election of Bryan next  
year absolutely assured, provided the  
Democrats place him on a sound plat-  
form. No enthusiasm was manifested  
by Republicans, save by those who  
have been the open advocates of the  
association of some other man.  
The general belief is among Demo-  
crats—and it is held by some Repub-  
licans as well—that the resolution in-  
troduced in the House by Representa-  
tive Clayton of Alabama, this week,  
declaring that no President should  
break down the traditional barrier  
against a third term, had much to do  
with the President's making the state-  
ment issued to-night. The resolution  
was the first of a series of efforts  
to defeat or modify it in committee  
would be regarded by the country as  
acquiescence in the proposition to dis-  
regard the precedent set by Washing-  
ton. It would be looked  
upon as a sign of an attack upon the  
administration.

The President cut the knot.  
Cannon Advised President.  
Speaker Cannon was closeted with  
the President for half an hour to-day.  
It was stated on the authority of a  
Republican source that the President  
told the Speaker that he was much  
embarrassed by the Clayton resolu-  
tion, and that if it were  
another day the country would say  
that the President had done it.

Another of the Presi-  
dent's action is said to be that it was  
discussed at a meeting of the Repub-  
lican National Committee last week  
that the Cortelyou people had the Taft  
workers "sawed up" as the result of  
the President's silence, which enabled  
Cortelyou to work under cover.

Nips Cortelyou Issue.  
President Roosevelt had a mysteri-  
ous conference this afternoon with  
Postmaster-General Meyer and First  
Assistant Postmaster-General Hitch-  
cock, neither of whom would say a  
word concerning the nature of the talk.  
Mr. Roosevelt asked a Republican  
caller from a Southern State to-day if  
he had heard that Hitchcock had been  
engaged for several months in urging  
Southern Republicans to send Roose-  
velt delegates to the convention, saying  
he wanted to "catch him."

Upon learning that Mr. Hitchcock  
had been thus engaged, at the same  
time directing that the delegates  
pledged to Roosevelt by the Corteyon men  
in second choice, the President man-  
ifested much displeasure. He found out  
what everybody has known for a long  
time—that Corteyou has been using  
this method of working for the nomi-  
nation by using the name and influ-  
ence of the President.

Stands Squarely by Taft.  
While this second announcement will  
have the effect of strengthening the  
sandidy of other aspirants, it is evi-  
dent that the President will use every  
effort to compass the nomination of  
Secretary Taft. He appointed C. R.  
Bailey, one of Mr. Taft's lieutenants,  
to the postmaster's office of Anniston,  
Ala., to-day over the protest of one  
of the Republican referees, and against  
L. T. Smith, the other candidate, a Cor-  
teyoun man. The President's action was  
not a candidate. It is the field against  
Taft from now on.

## COMMENTS ON DECLINATION

Republicans Expected It, and Demo-  
crats Say It Means Bryan.  
WASHINGTON, December 11.—The  
announcement that the President would  
not accept a second nomination, which  
he tendered, came at too late an hour  
to become generally known in politi-  
cal circles, but among those who  
learned of it, Democrats and Repub-  
licans alike, the feeling was general  
that the President's action was a  
definite statement of his position in  
the presidential situation, so far as  
he is concerned. It was felt that it  
definitely eliminates Mr. Roosevelt  
from the contest.

Administration Republicans declare  
that the announcement gives a great  
impetus to the Taft campaign, while  
Democrats say that the Taft cam-  
paign is now a foregone conclusion,  
and that the grand old party is going  
to put on the dollar? This public was  
started by these trust magnates and  
stock gamblers in order that they  
might take from the cotton producers  
half of their property." He added:  
"I am for the under dog, Senator Mc-  
Laurin," he said, addressing the Sen-  
ator from Mississippi, who sat before  
him, "whenever you hear of a dog  
fight just say 'Jeff Davis is for the  
under dog.'"

He then read some statistics on the  
Standard Oil Company, and stepping out  
into the center aisle, stamped his foot  
and said: "The Standard Oil is the old  
he-trust of the country. It is the  
trust that has all the paraphernalia  
and onerous of the trust trusts.  
Standard Oil. I hate the smell of coal  
oil. Petroleum makes me sick. Oh,  
sir, something ought to be done to  
curtail the great power of this mon-

## KILLED BY HIS BROTHER

While Hunting Gun Is Accidentally Ex-  
ploded and Charge Enters Boy's Head.

One of the saddest tragedies that has  
been recorded in Virginia since the  
hunting season opened occurred on  
Tuesday afternoon, when Frank Hor-  
and fourteen years of age, of near  
Dorchester, Powhatan county, was shot by  
his brother, who is but four years the  
senior of the victim of the accident.  
"The boys were at home, and at the  
suggestion of their mother they went  
to take a shot at a rabbit, which was  
being pursued by a dog in a woods  
close by. The boys sat down under a  
tree to await the arrival of the rabbit,  
and when the older brother went to  
get up, in some way his gun, which  
was cocked, exploded, and the en-  
tire load struck the younger boy in the  
left side of the head. He dropped to  
the ground in an unconscious condition.  
The accident occurred only a few hun-  
dred yards from the Horand home, and  
the boys were taken there and mes-  
sengers were sent immediately in search  
of a physician, but it was impossible  
to procure the services of one, and the  
lad expired shortly after 1 o'clock  
yesterday morning.

The Rev. Father D. P. Coleman, of  
Manchester, was summoned over phone  
to come to the bedside of the dying  
boy, but he received the information  
only in time to reach the Horand home  
when the boy was breathing his last.

The plight of the older brother was  
most pitiable. He was grief-stricken  
beyond measure, and being the oldest  
male member of the family on the  
place, his father being Richmond, he  
felt it his duty to look to the comfort  
and relief of the boy's dead body.

The entire side of the boy's head was  
torn away.

The Horand family moved to Pow-  
hatan county something over a year  
ago from Jersey. The father, John  
Horand, is a well-known employe of a  
printer in Richmond. The boy is sur-  
vived by his parents, two brothers and  
one sister.

The funeral will take place from the  
home this morning at 11 o'clock, and  
the interment will be made in the  
home place. The services will be con-  
ducted by the Rev. Father D. P. Cole-  
man, of Manchester.

## ORCHARD TELLS HIS STORY

Chief Witness for Prosecution Repents  
Testimony in Haywood Trial.

BOISE, IDAHO, December 11.—For  
four hours to-day in the trial of George  
Crisp, the alleged murderer of former  
Governor Steunhagen, Idaho, the chief  
witness on the witness stand, when court  
adjourned this afternoon, his story  
was only half told. Under the guidance  
of James H. Hawley, chief counsel for  
the prosecution, Crisp, who is now in  
the custody of the United States Marshal,  
blowing up of the Bunker Hill and Sul-  
livan mines in the Cogar D'Alenes, the  
killing of Charles McCormack and Mel  
Beck in the Vindicator mine, in the  
Crisp region of Colorado, the  
murder of Lyle Gregory in Denver,  
the blowing up of the Independence  
depot, and the attempts made on the  
life of Governor Peabody, of Colorado.  
In the main, the testimony was the  
same as that given in the Haywood  
trial, but the questions emphasized  
Pettibone's alleged conspiracy.

A new feature of the evidence was  
that Pettibone had told Orchard in  
1904 that he had purchased 100 tons  
from a hardware company in Denver  
and shipped them to the Cogar D'Alenes  
for use in the riots of 1893. According  
to Orchard, Pettibone said he paid  
\$1,500 of Western Federation money  
for the purchase of the hardware.

Another portion of the testimony  
was that the State regards as important  
the statement that Pettibone visited  
Orchard's house at Cripple Creek  
and showed Orchard how to use "Pet-  
tibone dope."

## INDICT FATHER AND SONS

Jenkins Family Accused of Illegally  
Obtaining Loans.

NEW YORK, December 11.—John G.  
Jenkins and his three sons, John G.  
Jr., Frank and Fred, all bankers of  
Brooklyn, were indicted to-day for  
conspiracy in having  
illegally obtained loans aggregating  
\$247,000 from trust companies of which  
they were officers. The father, John G.  
Jr., and Frank were indicted for per-  
jury in having made false statements  
to the State Superintendent of Banks.  
The four men were arrested and ar-  
raigned, and, after pleading not guilty,  
were held under bond for a hearing.  
The Jenkinses, suspected of the  
banking conspiracy, conducted the brok-  
erage firm of Frank and J. G. Jen-  
kins, Jr., and it was in part through  
loans to employees of this firm from  
the Williamsburg and the Jenkins  
Victory Loan Office that the Jenkinses  
are alleged to have received in a  
round about way accommodations  
which, as officers of the institutions,  
they could not lawfully obtain.

## RAISE CUBAN QUARANTINE

War Department Hopes to Remove Re-  
strictions January 1st.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The  
War Department hopes to raise the  
quarantine against Cuban ports before  
January 1st, when the Cuban revolu-  
tion was called to Governor Mac-  
Mahon to-day, following a conference  
on the subject between the Secretary  
of War, Secretary Cortelyou and  
Assistant Secretary Winthrop, having  
charges of marine hospital matters. The  
conflict of the quarantine, which has  
been a source of considerable com-  
plaint on the part of the Cuban and  
Cuban Republicans, on that subject has  
been received at the War Department.

## GREAT ELECTRIC SPEED

Locomotive Thus Promoted Altitude  
Record of Ninety-Two Miles.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The  
record for electric locomotives was at-  
tained here to-day in the tests being  
made by the Pennsylvania Railroad  
Company. The electric engine No. 28,  
belonging to the New York, New Haven  
and Hartford Railroad, and known as  
"Jamestown," was operated at a  
maximum speed of ninety-two miles  
an hour. The locomotive weighs  
130,000 pounds.

## MRS. NICK LONGWORTH MAY HAVE APPENDICITIS

WASHINGTON, December 11.—Mrs.  
Nicholas Longworth, wife of Repre-  
sentative Longworth of Ohio, daughter  
of President Roosevelt, is ill at the  
White House, and is said to be suffer-  
ing with appendicitis.

16-Year-Old Burglar.  
Ralph Prentiss, a sixteen-year-old  
white boy, was arrested last night by  
Belmont, Thurman and Telford on a  
warrant charging him with breaking  
into the home of Mr. John Ridgout,  
212 South Cherry Street.

He was taken in the act by Mr.  
Ridgout, and proceeded to run  
when he was observed, dropping a sil-  
ver tin case as he ran. It is said that  
justice Crutcher will be asked to  
send him to the reformatory.

## FOUR ARE BURNED IN WRECKED HOUSE

Home of Benjamin Ship-  
ley Blown to Pieces and  
Inmates Cremated.

## YOUTH PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE

This Causes Destructive Ex-  
plosion, in Which He Is Blown  
Through the Top of Wreck-  
ed Building—Harrowing  
Scenes at Southwest  
Home.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BRISTOL, VA., December 11.—The  
residence of Benjamin Shipley, near  
the home of John Duff, ten miles west  
of Bristol, was wrecked by a dynamite  
explosion to-day and burned to the  
ground, killing four people and  
fatally injuring the dead are:

Mrs. National Barker.  
Mrs. Eliza Pippa and baby.  
John Duff, the sixteen-year-old son  
of John Duff.

The bodies of the dead were cremated  
in the building, and the body of Mrs.  
Moody, who was so badly injured that  
he cannot recover, barely escaped crema-  
tion.

Willie Duff, who met a tragic death,  
his body being blown through the top  
of the building, was holding the dynamite  
when the explosion occurred.

An Appalling Scene.  
The scene was appalling. The relatives  
and friends of the dead were present  
this afternoon when search was  
made in the ashes of the destroyed home  
for the charred bodies of those who  
perished.

There was no chance to rescue any  
of those who were lost, so rapidly did  
the flames spread through the build-  
ing, following the explosion. The  
news of the disaster soon spread  
throughout the west end of the coun-  
ty, and this evening hundreds of people  
had gathered at the scene.

Those first to reach the building after  
the explosion are positive that they  
rescued the only living person when  
they brought the young son of Mrs.  
Moody out through an opening that  
had been made by the explosion. The  
boy was seriously mangled and burned,  
and apparently has no chance to  
recover. No further gains came from  
the burning building after young  
Moody had been taken out, and it  
seems certain that the four who per-  
ished were dead before the flames en-  
veloped their bodies.

Dynamite was brought to the house  
by the Duff boy, who is said to have  
procured it from a railroad camp  
nearby.

## RESIDENCES BURNED

One Destroyed in Nansemond and An-  
other in Isle of Wight.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, VA., December 11.—About  
10 o'clock last night a residence in  
Nansemond county owned by W.  
Hatcher Ely, of Suffolk, and occupied  
by the family of Peter Holland, was  
burned to the ground. The fire broke  
out when the blaze was discovered, and  
the inmates barely escaped with their  
lives. Loss, \$1,800; insurance, \$1,000.

SUFFOLK, VA., December 11.—Fire  
early this morning destroyed the resi-  
dence of A. D. Wren, on Isle of Wight  
county, near Smithfield. The loss  
of building and contents is \$2,500; in-  
surance, \$1,500.

## NO MARTIAL IN NEVADA

Troops Are Camped, However, Near  
Mine to Resume to-day.

GOLDFIELD, NEV., December 11.—  
President Roosevelt's communication  
from Washington to Colonel Alfred  
Reynolds in command of the Federal  
troops at Goldfield, which was posted  
in conspicuous places throughout the  
city to-day by direction of the Presi-  
dent, put a different complexion on  
the situation here. This, coupled with the  
fact that General Funston is to arrive  
in Goldfield to-morrow to view the  
situation and report to Washington,  
caused a complete change in the  
program of the mine-owners, who had  
hoped to be able, through Governor  
Shawke, to have martial law declared  
in Goldfield to-night and to open the  
mines to-morrow under the active  
protection of the United States troops.

Orders have been issued by Colonel  
Reynolds that none of the soldiers  
shall be given the privilege of going  
outside of the guard lines to-morrow.  
Camp No. 2 is within 200 yards of the  
main shaft of the Consolidated Com-  
pany's mine, where the attempt to re-  
open by this company will be made  
to-morrow. Citizens, unless upon im-  
pelling business, will not be permitted  
within the camp lines.

## LANDSLIDE CAUSES WRECK

Jacksonville Express Plows Into Bank  
of Earth, But Nobody Killed.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 11.—  
Train No. 30, the Jacksonville Ex-  
press, was wrecked early to-night five  
miles below Lynchburg, but no one  
was seriously hurt, and the passen-  
gers escaped. Engineer A. Perry  
and Fireman John Shaw, both of Spen-  
cer, N. C., received bruises, escaping  
miraculously.

The accident was on the new double  
track and was caused by a landslide  
which was evidently started by the At-  
lantic Express, which passed ten min-  
utes before No. 30. The engine plowed  
through the slide and the train was  
suspended four feet above the bed.  
Three coaches left the track with the  
engine. Both tracks are blocked, but  
traffic may be resumed early in the  
morning.

## FRED JENKINS ON TRIAL

Only Half the Jury Panel Secured  
From the First List.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CULPEPPER, VA., December 11.—The  
trial of Fred Jenkins, the co-defendant  
with William Seal, last week ac-  
quitted, for the murder of William  
Smith, commenced here to-day with  
the jury. The returned venire the  
jury, which will be composed of the  
presiding judge is Daniel A. Grimsely,  
of this circuit; the prosecution attor-  
ney is Mr. Charles M. Waite, while  
the defendant's interests are carefully  
looked after by the firm of Grimsely  
& Miller. Both the State and the de-  
fense answered ready for trial, but  
from the venire already summoned  
only six trial jurors were secured.  
Court then had summoned an addi-  
tional venire from which to select  
it is thought, the jury will be com-  
pleted.

Since his acquittal, William Seal,  
has been acquitted sympathy. He  
was taken to the hospital here in favor  
of Jenkins, but the Commonwealth's  
attorney still maintains that he shall be  
convicted of the murder of Smith.  
Court adjourned until to-morrow morn-  
ing at 10 o'clock, when the trial will  
be resumed.

## DEATH ROLL FIVE HUNDRED

Total of 225 Corpses Taken From  
Monongah Mines Already.

MONOGAH, W. VA., December 11.—  
Steadily and almost uninterruptedly,  
mines Nos. 6 and 3 of the Fairmont  
Coal Company are giving up the vic-  
tims of last Friday's explosion. When  
to-night's force of rescuers went on  
duty there had been a total of 225  
bodies taken out, most of which have  
been buried in the mine, and the re-  
mains of the dead are being taken out  
in groups of two and three at short in-  
tervals.

A number of the bodies brought out  
to-day did not bear the brass checks  
used in the mine, and the bodies of re-  
served and accounts of a majority of the  
employees, thus substantiating the  
statements of Monday that a large  
number of men and boys in the mines  
were not included in the checking  
roll. The estimate of the number of  
bodies largely based. This has also al-  
most dispelled the hope expressed by  
mining officials the past few days that  
the number of dead had been over-  
looked. It is now believed that the  
number will not fall far short of  
500. A canvass of miners' homes will  
be completed to-morrow, and this, to-  
gether with a list of hundreds of un-  
claimed letters in the post-office, will  
furnish data for a more accurate  
estimate. Conditions outside the mine  
to-night are much improved through the  
freezing solid of the mud, making the work  
much easier. The only living person when  
they brought the young son of Mrs.  
Moody out through an opening that  
had been made by the explosion. The  
boy was seriously mangled and burned,  
and apparently has no chance to  
recover. No further gains came from  
the burning building after young  
Moody had been taken out, and it  
seems certain that the four who per-  
ished were dead before the flames en-  
veloped their bodies.

## USED ONLY LAWFUL MEANS

Mr. Dula Says Tobacco Trust Has Not  
Boycotted Goods of Miners.

NEW YORK, December 11.—Caleb  
C. Dula, chief counsel for the American  
Tobacco Company, testifying to-day in  
the hearing of the case of the govern-  
ment against the so-called tobacco  
trust, said the American Tobacco Com-  
pany never resorted to unfair or il-  
legal methods to press its goods  
against those of its competitors. He  
denied that the American Company  
ever attempted to slander or boycott  
the goods of independent concerns,  
and declared that they preferred to  
sue competitors who used illegal  
methods. He said further that his  
company has no agreement with  
jobbers nor any one concerning the  
marketing of its goods.

In the course of his testimony to-day  
Mr. Dula, in discussing the tobacco  
trust, abandoned the use of the union  
label on its goods, after giving due  
notice of its intention to do so. He  
said the abandonment of the label had  
not affected the company's business.

## BLOWS HIS BRAINS OUT

Manager of Branch of Wrecked Bank  
Evaded Arrest to-day.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December  
11.—Manager Sadler, of the West  
Branch of the defunct California Safe  
Company, who was charged with blow-  
ing his brains out last night, locked in  
his office, No. 1821 DeValdoro Street, No  
explanation has yet been made of his  
action. He was found by a neighbor  
heavily involved personally in the fail-  
ure. Ever since it was known that  
the bank could not survive he had been  
suffering from a nervous breakdown.  
Sadler used a sawed-off shotgun, which  
was kept in the bank for protection  
against robbers.

Sadler was a single man, aged fifty  
years. He was one of J. Dalzell  
Brown's most confidential employees  
and had been in the bank for many  
years. He was the manager of the  
West End branch, of which he was  
made manager some time ago. So far  
as the investigation of the depositors'  
property is concerned, Sadler was  
properly handled. Charges had been  
made against him.

When J. Dalzell Brown, who is still  
in the city prison, was informed of the  
death of Sadler, he exclaimed: "My God, I was  
afraid of that."

## LESS FUND FOR EDUCATION

Decreased Increment of Peabody Fund  
of 18-23 Per Cent.

NEW YORK, December 11.—Lower  
rates of interest have decreased the  
annual earning capacity of the Peabody  
educational fund from \$120,000 to  
\$100,000 for the current year. Never-  
theless, during the past twelve months  
the trustees have expended some \$30,000  
for education in the South. This was  
shown by the report of the treasurer,  
J. Pierpont Morgan, at the annual meet-  
ing to-day. These officers were chosen:  
Chairman, Chief Justice Melville  
Fuller; Vice-President, E. H. Bennett;  
President, J. Pierpont Morgan; Secre-  
tary, J. Pierpont Morgan; Treasurer,  
J. Pierpont Morgan. The executive  
committee was re-elected. Chief Jus-  
tice Fuller was not present to-day.

## AGELASTOS ARE INDICTED

Charged With Grand Larceny in Use  
of Cotton Warehouse Receipts.

NORFOLK, VA., December 11.—Peter  
A. and Alex. Agelastos, prominent cot-  
ton brokers, were to-day indicted on  
three counts by a special grand jury  
in the Corporation Court, charging  
grand larceny in that they are alleged  
to have secured money from three lo-  
cal banks on cotton warehouse re-  
ceipts covering 5,000 bales of cotton  
not in existence.

Peter A. Agelastos was indicted in the  
sum of \$10,000. Alex. A. Agelastos is in  
New York, but it is understood that he  
will immediately return and give  
bond. The amount alleged to have been  
involved in the three cases is \$250,000.  
The names of the banks said to have  
been victimized were Norfolk National  
Bank, Citizens Bank and Virginia  
Savings and Trust Company.

## KILLING HUSBAND ENDS LIFE TRAGEDY

Counsel for Mrs. Peebles  
Will Seek to Show She  
Was Driven to Act.

## CHOKED AND BEAT BEFORE SHE HIT

Statement of Case by the Com-  
monwealth, However, Indicates  
Vicious and Most Atro-  
cious Murder—Jury  
Gotten—Evidence  
Begins To-day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BEDFORD CITY, VA., December 11.—  
The trial of Mrs. Edmonia M. Pee-  
bles, charged with the murder of her  
husband, was begun in the Circuit  
Court to-day. Eight jurors had been  
secured yesterday afternoon, and by 3  
o'clock to-day the full number had  
been selected, and the case was entered  
up in earnest.

Mrs. Peebles stood up and heard the  
arraignment without a tremor or any  
display of emotion. While the jury  
was being selected she held in her  
hand a copy of Virginia Reports, and  
turned over the pages, seemingly read-  
ing a list of precedents.

The Commonwealth's attorney, Mr.  
H. O. Humphreys, brought into court  
and placed on the table immediately in  
front of the prisoner the weapons of  
the tragedy—a double-barrel shotgun,  
three flint rocks covered with hair and  
blood, and a bottle with some of the  
hair and scalp of the murdered man.  
At the sight of these Mrs. Peebles  
colored, but showed little emotion  
otherwise, and soon resumed her pe-  
riodical turning over the pages of the  
report for the prosecution were sworn, among  
them being the little daughter of the  
prisoner, Mary Sue, eleven years of  
age. When the mother saw her she  
again colored, but her composure re-  
mained unbroken, as it did during the  
statement made by the Commonwealth,  
with all its gruesome details.

## Statement of the Case.

Mr. Humphreys said he would prove  
that on August 31, 1907, there lived in  
this county, nine miles from Bedford  
City, one mile from Wilkes's Mill,  
Edmonia Peebles, Clifton, a son of  
twenty years of age; Mary Sue, a girl of  
eleven, and Clyde, about three or four  
years old.

On the afternoon of that day Mr.  
Peebles returned home from a business  
trip to Lynchburg. He brought with  
him a pair of shoes for the baby and went to  
the kitchen, some twenty-seven feet from  
the house, where his wife was pre-  
paring supper; a quarrel ensued; rough  
language was used, and Mrs. Peebles  
struck her husband on the head with  
the head with the stove lifter. He  
went into the yard to wash away the  
blood. She went to the house, pro-  
ceeded to get a gun and stood at the door.  
She asked if he was done bothering  
her. He replied he was not afraid of  
her bluff, whereupon, without further  
provocation, she fired at close range,  
striking away the lower part of his  
face. He fell in the yard, and she  
ran up with a five shooter to finish  
him, but the pistol failed to go off.  
Unable to speak, waving his hands  
over his head for mercy and receiving  
none, he crawled to the front porch, and  
run, followed by his wife, who fired  
again, this time without effect. When  
she overtook him he turned and wrest-  
led the gun from her. Then she struck  
him on the back of the head with a  
rock, and he fell. She beat his head  
with other rocks until life was ex-  
tinguished.

End of Long Tragedy.

Nelson Sale stated the case for the  
defendant, and here, for the first time,  
Mrs. Peebles broke down and wept.  
He said he would prove this was mere-  
ly a quarrel, and that Mrs. Peebles  
acted in self-defense. He said that the  
entire married life of his client;  
that Peebles, who was a very large  
man, abused and beat his wife, espe-  
cially when drunk; and that he had  
attacked her at times with a razor, a  
pistol, and when about to give birth  
to a child, he had kicked her, causing  
the death of the child and almost the  
death of the mother. He would prove  
that on the fatal evening Peebles re-  
turned home drunk, and when he went  
to the kitchen he attacked his wife,  
and choked her because supper was  
not ready. While struggling to get  
away from him she had struck him  
with the stove-lifter. With that he  
seized an axe handle and struck her  
several blows until she escaped to the  
house, where she procured the gun.  
He went to wash away the blood. Mrs.  
Peebles asked if he was done bother-  
ing her. He made no reply except to  
point the gun at her, and when she  
advanced threateningly, he fired, and  
she died. He said he was not afraid  
of her bluff; he fell to his hands, but re-  
covering, ran after her, when she fired  
again without effect. He continued  
to pursue her down the lane, where  
they struggled for the gun, and with  
which she struck her several blows.  
Then she struck him behind the head  
with a rock and used other rocks until  
he died.

## JOHN S. WILLIAMS AT HEAD

Richmond Railroad Director President  
of Georgia and Florida.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 11.—The  
annual meeting of the stockholders of  
the Georgia and Florida Railroad was  
held here to-day. The meeting was  
called to order by President John S.  
Williams, of Richmond, Va., who was  
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## FAVORS INSIDE ROUTE

President Roosevelt Quoted as Urging  
Inland Waterway Project.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—Rep-  
resentative Thomas of North Caro-  
lina, in a speech to-day, urged Presi-  
dent Roosevelt to-day, and on leaving the  
White House said that the President  
was in favor of uniting all  
the project for inland waterways  
as to accomplish a continuous inland  
waterway from Cape Cod to Beaufort.  
The matter has been discussed informally  
with officers of the army and navy. Several  
army and navy officers have expressed  
their opinion that the project is a  
practical one, and that the government  
should purchase the property for military  
purposes, and the location of a con-  
tinuous inland waterway from Cape  
Cod to Beaufort. The matter has not  
been discussed further to-day.

## IS COMING HOME TO DIE

Tuberculous Virginian Leaves Clutch-  
net for Houder, Russell County.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CINCINNATI, O., December 11.—  
Major's Clerk Mike Dempsey to-day  
left for the Virginian, where he was  
to be taken to the Houder, Russell County,  
Va. Charles Lapkin, his wife and two-  
year-old child lived here for almost two  
years. He was a hard-working man,  
but contracted tuberculosis, and now  
is unable to work. He is going to  
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